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INMAN MAN RECEIVES LIFE PRISON SENTENCE FOR COCAINE DEALING

An Inman man received a life prison sentence today after he was caught with more than 350 grams of cocaine and \$39,000 cash.

James Robert Eubanks, 66, was found guilty of trafficking cocaine at the conclusion of a two-day jury trial. Eubanks was sentenced in accordance with the state law for repeat violent offenders. He is not eligible for parole.

Spartanburg County sheriff's deputies found the cocaine and the money during the execution of a search warrant at Eubanks' Hickory Nut Road home on June 18, 2008. Deputies found 13 baggies of wrapped cocaine in a cooler stored in an outbuilding. Two more baggies of cocaine and \$1,400 cash was located in Eubanks' possession. Deputies found \$20,100 in a bedroom closet safe and \$17,100 that was hidden under a mattress.

The search warrant was based off information obtained during a lengthy investigation.

Eubanks prior criminal record dated back to 1975 and it included two prior convictions for trafficking cocaine and a conviction for distributing cocaine.

"The narcotics unit of the Sheriff's Office did a great job," Assistant Solicitor Eddie Hunter said. "They painted a career drug dealer into a corner that he couldn't escape from."

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